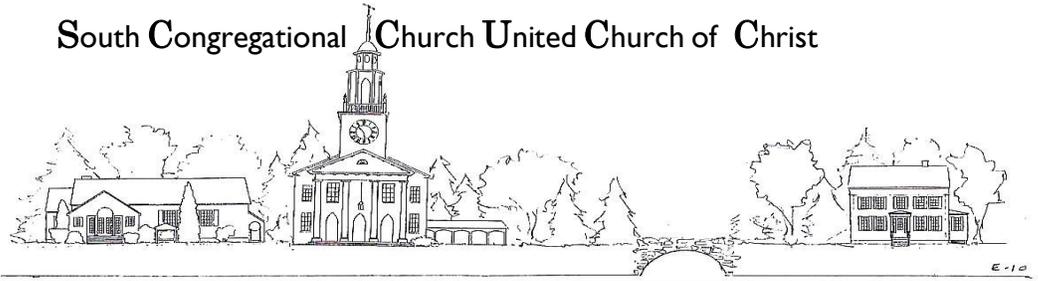


South Congregational Church United Church of Christ



April 2014

Our Mission is to be an inclusive community of faith that preaches the word of God, teaches the love of Jesus Christ and reaches out to all through the Holy Spirit.

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Words from our Minister

Although it seems the snow and cold won't let up, I do believe the warmth and rising of the sun ever higher in the sky will be the victor. For those of us in the frigid New England area, this image and such thoughts have (slowly) been taking root. We look beyond ourselves as well as within ourselves for the ever present reminders of God being at work; yes, even in the cold- bleak mid-winter. The U.C.C. Lenten devotional presents the image of planting bulbs in our gardens during the fall, knowing full well that the frozen ground of winter is just around the corner. The author of that specific devotion for March 5-Rev. Donna Schaper- speaks of the inspiration she received as a fellow writer was 'calmly plotting the resurrection' with such a simple yet profound act. What a remarkable gift and faith to plant seeds of a garden that is destined for tomorrow. Yet we each do this every day when we care for each other, wishing God's peace for the day's journey ahead.

'Calmly plotting the resurrection' – what a great image to carry as we move through the latter portion of Lent, approach Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection on Easter morning.
Charles

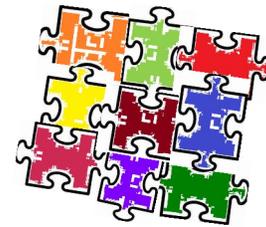
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Words from Rev. Whiston

You Should Know

Mark Your Calendars

Habitat Volunteering



Sunday Worship 10:30 am
(Nursery Care provided)

Sunday School 10:30 am
Classes

Hymn Sing Sundays
(last Sunday each month)
10:15 am

A Final Piece on the Puzzle

The picture puzzle of recent newsletters is now complete, all the pieces have found their place. The Lenten lesson for many is that we are all discovering/discerning how our personal lives and our communal lives fit together, into a 'picture' or 'vision' that God has crafted long before we open the box. And of course, God has another one waiting for us to begin.

Step by step, piece by piece; all emerges in God's time.



Easter Flowers



*Deadline to return this form is
Sunday, April 13, 2014*

Easter is just around the corner and in preparation, we will be decorating the sanctuary this year with lilies and tulips. The tulips and lilies have been pre-ordered. You are invited to purchase a plant in honor or memory of someone(s) special, or make a donation to the Pilgrim Lodge summer camp scholarships, also in honor or memory of someone(s) special.

Should any funds remain from the purchase of the plants, the monies will be used for Pilgrim Lodge camp scholarships.

Please include your memorial message below whether you are purchasing a plant or making a donation. Your message will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please indicate your preference:

I wish to purchase a plant(s) at **\$11.00** lily

\$10.00 tulip

I will take my plant home

I will leave my plant for a homebound member

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I wish to make a memorial gift to Pilgrim Lodge in lieu of flowers



Message as it will read in the Easter bulletin: (more than one name may be listed for one plant or memorial gift)

Given by: _____

A telephone number in case of questions: _____

***** Please make your checks payable to: South Congregational Church U.C.C. *****

PO Box 414 Kennebunkport, ME 04046

If you have any questions, please call Sarah at the Church office at 967-2793

It is with deep regret that we are submitting our letter of resignation as choir director and organist at South Congregational Church (UCC), Kennebunkport. Our last Sunday with you will be May 4, 2014.

This has not been an easy decision for us, since our 10 years at South Church have provided for us a wonderful community with which to work and worship and a supportive team of choir members, staff, committees and congregation.

We have accepted the position of Director of Music/Organist at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. The professional opportunities and programs in the Portland area will provide some new opportunities for us in church music ministry.

We wish the South Church congregation well and pray that God will continue to provide blessings upon your ministries in the Kennebunks and beyond. Sincerely, *Paul and Rebecca Schnell*

Holy Week and Easter Gatherings

Palm Sunday worship April 13, 10:30 am
South Congregational Church UCC



Holy Week worship April 14-18, 12 noon
Kennebunk Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday worship April 17, 7:00pm
Church on the Cape, Cape Porpoise

Good Friday worship April 18, 7:00pm
Village Baptist Church, Kennebunkport

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20, 5:45 am
Kennebunk Beach



Easter Sunday worship April 20, 10:30am
South Congregational Church UCC

Mark Your Calendars

Women's Association 5th annual tag sale will be held at the Community House on Saturday May 31.

7th Annual Walk/Run for Hunger



The 2 mile walk/ 5 mile run for hunger will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9:00am, starting at Mother's Beach. Visit the website, www.yorkcountyshelterprograms.org, for more information and to register. You can also contact Megan Gendron at megang@ycspi.org, or call 207-324-1137. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

If you are participating, please add your name and contact information. On the day of the event, South Church participants can arrange to meet at the starting line.

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We are on the web
www.southchurchucc.org

The deadline for submitting
newsletter articles is the 15th of
each month by emailing to:
sarah@southchurchucc.org.

Life Journeys

Deaths February 21 David Joseph Billings

Mary Crocker would like to thank the South Church family and friends who extended cards, thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her surgeries.

Thank You



Habitat
for Humanity®

Volunteers needed

The Habitat for Humanity **ReStore**, located on Rt. 1 Kennebunk, is a discount home improvement store, open to the general public. You can donate items or purchase reclaimed building materials, furniture, appliances, and supplies at greatly. 100% of the profits from **ReStore** are used to support **Habitat for Humanity** home building projects in York County. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday 9 am to 5 pm.

The **ReStore** has a growing need for more volunteer cashiers and drivers. Cashiers, warehouse workers and drivers are needed Wednesday through Saturday. Shifts are 8:30am to 1pm and 12:30-5pm.

To volunteer or for more information, call **207-502-7021** or stop in!